

ESKDALE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 AT St BEGA'S VILLAGE HALL, ESKDALE GREEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr R Brown(Chair), Cllr I Kirkby, Cllr L Hunt, Cllr J Harrington, Cllr T Postlethwaite and Cllr D Porter
Borough Cllr G McGrath
2 members of the public

58/21 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M Shaftesley and Cllr C Carlin

59/21 Exclusion of Press and Public

There were no items on the Agenda requiring the exclusion of press and public

60/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest

61/21 To Approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 14 September 2021

The Minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 14 September 2021 were approved and signed by the Chair
Proposed by Cllr Hunt, Seconded by Cllr Kirkby

62/21 Police Liaison Report

A report had been previously circulated by the Clerk

63/21 Progress Reports

63/21.1 Giggle Alley

The Clerk had issued an invite to Olly Fielden to give an update on Giggle Alley but had not received a response.

63/21.2 Hard Knott Telephone Box

After discussion it was resolved to investigate the removal of the Grade 2 listing on the phone box and look at whether it could be converted to an electric vehicle charge point.

64/21 Public Participation

2 members of the public were present who expressed concerns regarding the appeal on planning application 7/2020/4077 and asked the Parish Council to object to the appeal and support the original decision to refuse planning consent.

65/21 County Councillor/District Councillor reports

B. Cllr McGrath reported that the land immediately above the car park did not belong to Copeland B.C.

Local Government Reorganisation – Cumbria to be split into Cumberland (Carlisle Allerdale and Copeland) and Westmorland and Furness (Eden, Lakes and Barrow)

No of councillors reduced to 46 for Cumberland and 65 for Westmoreland, Borough councillors would disappear. Elections May 2022 to form a shadow cabinet taking total control 2023. It is estimated it will take 7 years to hand over all services. GDF search – 2nd stage setting up of Community Partnerships one centred around Millom/Whicham, looking out to sea. Does not affect LDNP communities CBC are bringing forward plans to replace bin lorry fleet around recycling. No doorstep pre-sorting required as the bins will take mixed recycling.

66/21 Applications for Development

66/21.1 To examine applications for development and submit observations to the Planning Authority

Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009 as amended

Reference 7/2020/4077 Fairfield, Eskdale

66/21.2 To ratify the observations submitted by the Clerk under devolved powers since last meeting.

None undertaken

66/21.3 To note the decisions of the statutory planning authority with regards to recent applications

67/21 FINANCIAL RECORDS

67/21.1 To approve the following payments:

B. Amos	Web site maintenance	£150.00
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67/21.2 To note the receipt of payments

None

67/21.3 To receive and note the bank reconciliation statements dated 31.9.21

This had been checked and verified by Cllr Kirkby

67/21.4 To consider the Budget Comparison Report as at 31 October 2021 and determine action need to address deviations from the budget

None required

67/21.5 To approve the budget for the financial year 2022/23

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget prior to the meeting. After discussion the council resolved to accept the budget of expected expenditure of £7847.93

Proposed Cllr Kirkby Seconded by Cllr Postlethwaite

67/21.6 To approve the precept for the financial year 2022/23

After discussion the Council approved a 7% increase of £760 on the 2021/22 precept. This increase would bring the reserves to a strong financial footing and allow the council to move forward on projects.

Proposed by Cllr Kirkby, Seconded by Cllr Hunt

68/21 Parish Matters

68/21.1 Housing Survey/Community Plan

Cllr Carlin reported that the figures presented by Copeland BC re rental were significantly below the actual rents charged and she has notified them of this. She expects to present the report in the new year.

68/21.2 Eskdale Open

None

68/21.3 Fred Whitton Challenge

To arrange a meeting between Fred Whitton challenge and businesses to discuss impact. Clerk to contact other parishes to determine the impact of the event on them

68/21.4 FOLD Landscape Grants – Community Garden

C. Cllr McGrath confirmed that the land above the car park did not belong to CBC. Cllr Hunt to investigate ownership

68/21.5 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

After discussion it was agreed to off services to Muncaster beacon

68/21.6 Hedge cutting and environmental projects

It was resolved that wild flowers would be planted in the Forge Bridge/Forge verges

68/21.7 Speeding

It was understood that a speed survey had been undertaken outside the times when requested. Clerk to approach Cty Cllr Hitchen with concerns

68/21.8 Local Government Reorganisation

The Clerk reported that it is possible that the Parish Council would have to bear the full cost of the elections in 2024 as it is unlikely that any other elections would be held that year. It is as yet unknown what the full cost of this will be.

68/21.9 GDF

See 65/21 above

68/21/10 2022 Meeting dates

These were approved

69/21 To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Cllr Postlethwaite reported he was to attend a meeting on Wednesday 17 November to discuss the future of the village hall.

70/21 Correspondence

To discuss any correspondence received for open discussion

- None

71/21 Councillor Matters

- Cllr Kirkby expressed concerns that there had been nothing in the valley for Remembrance Sunday. Clerk to investigate purchase of a silhouette
- Cllr Harrington sought clarification for the replacement of an existing bench

72/21 Date of Next Meeting

Full council meeting 7.30pm 11 January 2022 at St Bega's Village Hall, Eskdale Green

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2051hrs